

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The quality and availability of drinking water  
3 is a matter of great importance to the health, safety, and  
4 welfare of people throughout this State; and

5 WHEREAS, Despite the existence of numerous federal and  
6 State laws and regulations to protect drinking water quality,  
7 many people in Illinois, especially in small communities and  
8 rural areas, are forced to rely on inferior water supplies or  
9 private wells that produce unacceptably hard, smelly, or  
10 contaminated water; and

11 WHEREAS, It has been a long time since a coordinated,  
12 comprehensive review of Illinois drinking water protection  
13 needs has been undertaken; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Task Force on Drinking Water  
17 Quality is hereby created, to consist of 2 members of the  
18 House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
19 House, 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by  
20 the House Minority Leader, 2 members of the Senate appointed  
21 by the President of the Senate, 2 members of the Senate  
22 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, and one  
23 representative of each of the following agencies, appointed  
24 by their respective directors: the Illinois Environmental  
25 Protection Agency, the Illinois Department of Public Health,  
26 and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community  
27 Affairs; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall review and consider  
29 the drinking water protection needs of people throughout  
30 Illinois, especially in the smaller communities and rural  
31 areas of the State, and where appropriate shall attempt to  
32 develop legislative proposals to address any drinking water

1 quality problems that it may identify; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That in the course of its duties the Task  
3 Force may conduct public hearings or other meetings  
4 throughout the State and may request the assistance of any  
5 appropriate federal, State, or local governmental agency; and  
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That in the course of its work the Task Force  
8 may consider all problems and issues relating to drinking  
9 water quality, regardless of whether the water is provided by  
10 a public or private, community or non-community water supply  
11 or well, and including any related aquifer, reservoir, or  
12 treatment or distribution system; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings,  
14 proposals, and recommendations to the House of  
15 Representatives and the Senate within 6 months after the  
16 adoption of this resolution, and upon filing its report the  
17 Task Force is abolished; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to  
19 the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency,  
20 the Director of Public Health, and the Director of Commerce  
21 and Community Affairs.